

PERSONNEL SEARCH ENHANCEMENT FOR COLLABORATIVE COMPUTING

ABSTRACT

A collaborative computing method can include the step of providing a collaborative computing system that includes at least one instant messaging client. The instant messaging client can be initialized within a graphical user interface. A search initializing action can be performed within the graphical user interface. A search view can be presented responsive to the search initiating action. A search pattern can be specified within the search view. A search result can be displayed within the search view, wherein the search result can include at least one online entity, such as a user and/or group.